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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Wayne K. Sugita, M.P.A., Acting Director
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SUBJECT: **SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL TO FEDERAL OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION**

This is to inform you that the Alcohol and Drug Program Administration (ADPA) has submitted a proposal to the Federal Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for a grant entitled, "OJJDP FY 2008 Brief Interventions and Referrals for Treatment (BIRT) for Juvenile Courts and Juvenile Drug Courts." BIRT provides youth in the juvenile justice system with access to a relatively short, non-intensive intervention therapeutic model. This model assists the juvenile court in identifying the most appropriate referrals and admission criteria to juvenile drug court treatment and other related services.

If awarded, \$530,000 in funding would be available for eighteen (18) months over two (2) federal fiscal years from 2009 through 2010. The federal award is \$530,000 total. Of this amount, ADPA has proposed using \$230,000 to support the implementation of BIRT in the juvenile court, and \$300,000 to support the juvenile drug court. ADPA and the Sylmar Juvenile Drug Court and other partners will contribute a minimum total of \$176,667 over the eighteen (18) month project period in combined in-kind contributions of staff time, meeting space, supplies, and materials.

The proposed project is intended to target eligible adolescents between the ages of 12 and 18 who are residing in the Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall in Sylmar. Under the leadership of Judge Fred Fujioka, a separate unit has been established for the drug court services within the juvenile hall. This proposal would build on that existing program.

Tarzana Treatment Centers is the proposed contract agency for providing services both inside and outside the juvenile hall. This agency was selected through a competitive process as the treatment services provider for the Sylmar Juvenile Drug Court Program in 2000 and continues to serve in this capacity. This agency has over 20 years of experience in providing treatment services for youth involved in the juvenile justice system. If successful in obtaining a grant award, ADPA will amend Tarzana Treatment Centers' contract to enhance and maintain a continuity of services within the juvenile drug court program.

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We will continue to keep you updated on this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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